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PATENT APPLICATION

Applicants : Thomas J. Bachinski et al.  
Application No. : 10/817,120 Confirmation No.: 2904  
Filed : April 2, 2004  
For : MEDICAL GRAFTING CONNECTORS AND  
FASTENERS  
Group Art Unit : 3731  
Examiner : Michael G. Mendoza

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2005,  
applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of  
this application in light of the following amendments and  
remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing  
of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

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